Sugar Buffer Stock

†248. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to create buffer stock of sugar of 20 lakh tonnes during the ensuing two years due to sharp rise in the stock of sugar and the continuous reduction in its prices;

(b) if so, the measures taken by Government to fix the responsibility of maintaining the stocks and to pay in full the other expenditures incurred on this stock;

(c) whether Government have taken the advice of sugar industry in this matter; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A proposal for creation of buffer stock is under consideration of the Government. As per the SDF Rules, 1983, the buffer stock of sugar is to be stored in separate and distinctively identifiable stocks and lots and in separate godowns within the premises of the sugar undertakings.

(c) and (d) Indian Sugar Mills Association and National Federation of Co-operative Sugar Mills Ltd. have requested the Government for creation of buffer stock.

Formula for Pricing of Sugarcane

249. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to evolve a new formula for pricing of sugarcane country wide;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be effective; and

(c) what would be the main features of the new formula?

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